Government is closely monitoring the situation and appropriate measures as necessary are being taken. Some of the measures taken recently include:

(i) Import duties on a number of items have been increased, for example, the duty on arecanut has been raised from 35% to 100%, on poultry products from 35% to 100%, on wheat from 0% to 50%, on skimmed milk powder from 0% to 60%, on apple from 35% to 50%, and on rice from 0% to 80%.

(ii) Suo-moto anti-dumping investigations have been initiated in respect of import of battery cells, battery operated toys and sports shoes.

(iii) Import of all packaged commodities have been made subject to compliance of all the conditions of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodity) Order, 1977, as applicable on domestic producers.

(iv) Import of 131 products has been made subject ot compliance of the mandatory Indian quality standards as applicable to domestic goods. For compliance of this requirement all manufacturers/ exporters of these products to India shall be required to register themselves with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The list of 131 products includes various food preservatives and additives, milk powder, infant milk food, certain kinds of cement, household and similar electrical appliances, gas cylinders and multipurpose dry batteries.

Since, the situation is being closely monitored and necessary action as warranted is being taken, there is no proposal to issue a White Paper on the subject for the present.

Demand and supply of cement

1447. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand and supply of cement in the country;

(b) whether Government have explored the vast possibility of the development of cement industry in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of cement factories functioning in Rajasthan, location-wise and the factory-wise production of cement;

(e) the quantity of cement exported during the last two years; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to further promote export of cement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) As against the demand of 93 million tonnes for 1999-2000 projected by task force on cement industry, the industry has achieved production of 100.45 million tonnes. In the year 2000-2001 as against estimated demand of 101 million tonnes, the industry (Large Plants) has achieved production of 54.85 million tonnes (upto October, 2000).

(b) and (c) The cement industry has been delicensed. Entrepreneurs are free to set up more cement plants in Rajasthan taking advantage of the availability of raw-material in the State.

(d) At present there are 14 cement plants functioning in Rajasthan. The location-wise and factory- wise production is given in the annexed statement. (*See* below)

(e) The quantity of cement and clinker exported during last two years are as under:—

Cement and Clinker Exports (Mn.t.)

Year	Cement	Clinker	Total
1998-99	2.06	1.45	3.51
1999-2000	1.95	1.19	3.14

(f) Exporters of cement are given incentives like duty drawback on excise duty paid; duty entitlement for export of cement and clinker @ 8% under Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme; and duty free import of coal, furnace oil, packing material etc. needed for the production of cement.

STATEMENT

Number of Cement factories functioning in Rajasthan

(000' Tonnes)

S.No.	Company	Location	1999-2000	2000-2001 (Apr-Oct)
1.	Lakheri	Lakheri	543.69	327.37
2.	Ambuja Cmt. Raj Ltd.	Pali	1284.33	765.47
3.	Binani Cement	Sarohi Road		

S.No.	Company	Location	1999-2000	2000-2001 (Apr-Oct)
	1650.19	1009.37		
4.	Birla Cement	Chittorgarh	627.58	381.44
5.	Chittor Cement	Chittorgarh	1078.82	671.74
6.	Mangalam Cement	Morak	391.80	224.66
7.	Neer Shree Cement	Morak	926.36	472.54
8.	Aditya Cement	Shambhupura	1396.89	791.38
9.	J.K. Nimbahera	Nimbahera	1874.40	1079.93
10.	J.K. Mangrol (G)	Mangrol	127.84	57.22
11.	Lakshmi Cement	Sirohi Road	1826.70	1024.32
12.	J.K. Udaipur Udyog	Udaipur	589.55	265.48
13.	Shree & Raj Cement	Beawar	2251.28	1387.78
14.	Shriram Cement	Kota	281.10	163.70
	TOTAL:	Rajasthan	14851.53	8622.40

Industries in Bihar

1448. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the total number of industries big, medium and small as existed in Bihar after the formation of Jharkhand State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): As on 31st December 1999 there were 1,21,629 SSI units registered in the State of Bihar. Out of these, in terms of districts transferred to Jharkhand 38,556 units fall within Jharkhand and 83,073 units remain in Bihar.

After the announcement of New Industrial Policy, for the non-SSI category, between August 1991 to October 2000, in the licensable sector, 12 industrial licences have been granted in respect of the State of Bihar, out of which 2 fall within districts since transferred to Jharkhand and 10 remain in Bihar. In the delicensed sector, 32 Industrial Entrepreneur Momoranda have reported implementation in Bihar, out of which 27 fall within districts since transferred to Jharkhand and 5 remain in Bihar.